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**City Councilmember Felicia Moore Announces Code Enforcement
Demolition in Collier Heights**

ATLANTA – Atlanta City Councilmember Felicia Moore is pleased to announce the Friday demolition of a blighted, open/vacant house at 870 Venetta Place, N.W. in the historic Collier Heights neighborhood.

The house has been an eyesore for the historic neighborhood for over six years. The City of Atlanta's In Rem Review Board ordered the house demolished over a year ago, but any further action was placed on hold for review by the city's law department. After thorough review of the case, the law department allowed the demolition to proceed.

"Upon hearing the concerns of my constituents, I have made code enforcement and improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods as one of my top priorities," said Moore. "To that point, in February of last year I hired a new assistant, Dustin Hillis, to concentrate specifically on Code Enforcement and Special Projects." In spring of last year, Hillis surveyed every neighborhood in the district and began following over 500 code enforcement cases in District 9. A year later, that number has been decreased to around 300, a 40% improvement.

This demolition marks yet another success in fighting the blight in our city, and brings the number of code enforcement demolitions in District 9 over the past year and a half to around 60.

Councilmember Moore extends a special thank you to Atlanta Police Department Code Enforcement Section Commander Major Barry Shaw and his excellent staff for their continued efforts to clean up our city.

This will be the first of several upcoming code enforcement demolitions in District 9 neighborhoods. Other upcoming demolitions of note include the blighted, open/vacant

apartments at 1589 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway in front of Woodson Elementary in the Grove Park neighborhood and 1676 Carroll Drive in the Hills Park neighborhood.

For more information, please call Councilmember Moore's office at (404) 330-6044.

Code Enforcement Demolition of 870 Venetta Place, N.W.

Friday, March 11, 2016

7:30 a.m.

Collier Heights Neighborhood

870 Venetta Place, N.W.

A photo of the property located at 870 Venetta Place, N.W. can be viewed at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/870+Venetta+Place,+N.W./@33.7789043,-84.4865767,3a,75y,272.25h,90t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m4!1sh0PzrERin0DxVs9EXGJVHQ!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0xb92231c201d99e21!6m1!1e1>